

I feel strongly that the area code proposal, option 1 be given consideration. Number hoarding is a waste of valuable numbers. I also believe that cell phone numbers should be assigned to people permanently so that a new phone number is not needed when changing carriers. I strongly disapprove of the overlay system also. I am now faced with a reality of having a 310 home area code and a 323 cell phone area code meaning that every call I make in my home area requires the extra digits. This is an inconvenience but also a safety issue. More digits to dial means more chance of an accident when dialing in the car. In my area they tried to get everyone to dial all 10 digits all the time and that was a real disaster and thank heavens that stupid decision was reversed. I also think that option 2 is helpful, making ATMs and alarm systems, etc. use different area codes. I applaud Jane Harman's initiative.